

IN THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-26 (Canceled).

27 (New). A method of controlling volume levels in a processor-based system comprising:
 automatically generating a plurality of sounds of progressively changing volume;
 receiving a user selection of a desired volume level; and
 using said user selection to control the volume of sounds generated by said processor-based system.

28 (New). The method of claim 27 including correlating the time period when a user selection is received to the volume of the sound being generated at the time the user selection was received and recording that volume level as a preset sound level.

29 (New). The method of claim 28 including comparing an audio volume level produced by said system to the preset sound level.

30 (New). The method of claim 27 wherein automatically generating includes generating sounds of increasing volume.

31 (New). An article comprising a medium storing instructions that, if executed, enable a processor-based system to:
 automatically generate a plurality of sounds of progressively changing volume;
 receive a user selection of a desired volume level; and
 use said user selection to control the volume of sounds generated by said processor-based system.

32 (New). The article of claim 31 further storing instructions that, if executed, enable the processor-based system to correlate the time period when a user selection was received to the volume of the sound being generated at the time the user selection was received and record the volume level as a preset sound level.

33 (New). The article of claim 32 further storing instructions that, if executed, enable the processor-based system to compare an audio volume level produced by said system to the preset sound level.

34 (New). The article of claim 31 further storing instructions that, if executed, enable the processor-based system to automatically generate sounds of increasing volume.

35 (New). A system comprising:
a processor;
a storage coupled to said processor;
a sound generating circuit coupled to said processor;
software stored on said storage to control the sound generated by said circuit to produce a plurality of sounds of progressively changing audio level; and
a remote control unit to receive user inputs and to receive sound generated by said sound generating circuit and to provide information about a user selected sound to said processor.

36 (New). The system of claim 35, said software to correlate the time period when a user selection is received to a volume of the sound being generated at the time the user selection was received and recording that volume level as a preset sound level.

37 (New). The system of claim 36, said software to compare an audio volume level produced by said system to the preset sound level.

38 (New). The system of claim 35 wherein said circuit to produce sounds of increasing volume.